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NSW HEALTH WARNING ABOUT DETOXOLOGIE, BONDI JUNCTION

Customers of a Bondi Junction "wellness" centre Detoxologie are advised to get a blood test if they had certain procedures there between June 2013 and December 2020, after it breached infection control standards.

South Eastern Sydney Local Health District urges past clients of the business to see their GP if they had colonic irrigation, skin needling, allergy or other blood testing, intravenous infusion or vitamin injections at the centre.

Professor Mark Ferson, Director of the Local Health District's Public Health Unit, said while the risk of transmission of a blood-borne virus from a procedure at Detoxologie is low, it is still wise to visit a GP to get a blood test.

"To date, there have been no cases of blood borne virus infection linked to this business. However, we know infections like HIV and hepatitis B and C can be silent for many years," Professor Ferson said.

"A positive test for a blood-borne virus does not necessarily mean you were infected at this business, but if you have been, it's important to be aware to ensure you receive treatment and you don't pass it on to others.

"Fortunately, there are now very effective treatments for these three blood-borne viruses."

NSW Health is contacting customers of Detoxologie, which is in the Eastgate Shopping Centre and previously at Oxford Street, Bondi Junction, but poor record keeping is hampering its efforts.

Due to the business's incomplete records, anyone who had colonic irrigation, skin needling, allergy or other blood testing, intravenous infusion or vitamin injections at the business are urged to see their GP to organise a blood test. People who know of others who may have attended the business for these services are asked to let them know.

For more information about the interim prohibition order against the proprietor of Detoxologie and the public warning by the Health Care Complaints Commission, visit:

<https://www.hccc.nsw.gov.au/decisions-orders/prohibition-orders/ms-fay-fain-naturopath>

For further enquiries, contact healthdirect on 1300 137 127 or visit:

<https://health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/detoxologie-clinic-faqs.aspx>.